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Free Child Safety Seat Clinic

The Beaverton Police Department, in partnership with Safe Kids Washington County, will be conducting a free child car seat clinic on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at the Beaverton Police Department located at 4755 SW Griffith Drive Beaverton, Oregon 97076. The clinic will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The last vehicle will be accepted at 11:30 a.m. to allow the technicians to be finished by 12:00 p.m.

This clinic is designed to teach parents and caregivers how to properly install and use a child safety seat. A properly installed and used child safety seat will greatly decrease the chance of your child sustaining a serious or life threatening injury during a motor vehicle crash.

One of the most important jobs you have as a parent or caregiver is keeping your child safe when riding in a vehicle. Each year, thousands of young children are killed or injured in car crashes. The proper use of car seats helps keep children safe. But, with so many different car seats on the market, it's no wonder parents may find this process overwhelming.

When Is My Child Ready for an Adult Seat Belt?

The time to transition your child out of a booster seat and into a seat belt usually comes when the child is between 8 and 12 years old. Keep your children in booster seats until they outgrow the size limits of the booster seats or are big enough to fit properly in seat belts.

For your child to fit a seat belt, he or she must:

- Be tall enough to sit without slouching;
- Be able to keep his or her back against the vehicle seat;
- Be able to keep his or her knees naturally bent over the edge of the vehicle seat; and
- Be able to keep his or her feet flat on the floor.

For more information on how a seat belt properly fits a child please visit [Safecar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov/parents/SeatBelts/Beyond-Booster-Seats.htm) or use the link below.
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As a parent, you are your kid's strongest influence when it comes to modeling safe driving practices, including buckling up every time you get into the car. Teach your family that safety is the responsibility of all passengers as well as the driver.

A certified technician will help parents and caregivers learn to install and use their child safety restraints properly. No appointment is required – just drop by during the event. Each car seat check will take about 30 minutes. Please note that the last car will be accepted at 11:30 a.m.

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